



# *Milwaukee County*

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### **SUPERVISOR WEST HELPS COUNT HOMELESS IN MILWAUKEE**

*Point-in-Time Survey conducted every two years*

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Peggy West participated in a census of Milwaukee's homeless last week. The Point-in-Time survey is conducted every two years by the Milwaukee Continuum of Care under partnership with Community Advocates. Supervisor West joined a team of volunteers to visit emergency shelters, transitional housing programs, meal programs, drop-in centers, libraries, churches and street encampments.

"The challenging economy resulted in a 13 percent jump in homelessness during the last survey two years ago, and I'm afraid that this count could be the highest on record," Supervisor West said. "The good news is that, by counting these individuals, we get more information and can better target the programs we have in place to help them."

Milwaukee County has taken steps to decrease homelessness, including leading the way in providing affordable inclusive housing for individuals with mental illness who have nowhere else to turn. Jim Mathy, the County's Special Needs Housing Program Manager, has done a wonderful job in this area. Since 2007, more than 260 units of quality affordable housing have been developed through this program.



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